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1. The IAR (Industria Aeriana Romana) plant at Brasov, a state-owned factory, employs 4,500 workers in the production of tractors. No aircraft are manufactured at the present time. This factory has a state contract to supply 5,000 16-horsepower Diesel motor tractors. Present production is 50 tractors a month, but an attempt is being made to raise it to 150 a month. All tractor parts, excepting ignition parts and ballbearings, are produced in the plant. Ballbearings are purchased from SKF in Sweden and ignition parts are produced by the Scintilla plant in Switzerland.
2. Approximately 150 tractors have been delivered up to the present time. Because of a shortage of qualified personnel, however, not more than 30 are in use, all of which are operated by IAR personnel.
3. The factory has suffered relatively little from purges of its personnel. In order to avoid interference with production, the Factory Committee was instructed by the labor union at the plant to refrain from hampering the management by demands for the discharge of key employees. Saxon workmen, who were purged in 1945, are gradually being rehired, apparently with the agreement of the Factory Committee.
4. In July the management of IAR was informed that, together with other government-owned plants, it would be transferred to a stock-issuing corporation, thus terminating direct government ownership.

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